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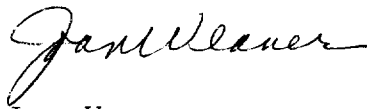
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RE: Docket #98N-1038, Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food

With regard to the above, I strongly support clear and direct labeling of any food that has been processed with radiation. All such foods should be prominently labeled to include not only the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated," but also the international symbol for radiation.

I oppose alternate terms for this process, such as "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization." These are misleading and ambiguous. Labeling requirements should be enforced as long as irradiation is used and should not be allowed to expire as long as the process is used. The public has a right to be informed that food has been adulterated by manufacturers and growers.

Your consideration of these comments is appreciated.



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